



Species: *Castanea mollissima*

(kass-tan'ee-ah mol-lis'i-mah)

Chinese Chestnut

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Tree > 30 feet

Height: 40' - 60' (equal spread)

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: rounded; usually low-branched

Ornamental Other: full sun; does well in hot, dry climates; tough and durable

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 4a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: valued for edible fruits; prickly burrs can become litter problem; dark green leaves turn yellow-brown in fall; white flowers have offensive odor, bloom in June

Insect Disease

blight, twig canker, weevils, gall wasp; resistant but not immune to chestnut blight; a carrier of chestnut blight that continues to infect native chestnuts and chinkapins

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

Native to China

Photos



Castanea mollissima - Flowers



Castanea mollissima - Fruit



Castanea mollissima - Leaves, Fruit



Castanea mollissima - Habit



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